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Lawyer: Iran woman could be stoned to death soon



This undated file image made available by Amnesty International in London on Thursday, July 8, 2010, shows Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, a mother of two who was sentenced to death by stoning in Iran on charges of adultery.

Associated Press

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The lawyer for an Iranian woman sentenced to be stoned on an adultery conviction said Monday that he and her children are worried the delayed execution could be carried out soon with the end of a moratorium on death sentences for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

In an unusual turn in the case, the lawyer also confirmed that Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani was lashed 99 times last week in a separate punishment meted out because a British newspaper ran a picture of an unveiled woman mistakenly identified as her.

Under Iran's clerical rule, women

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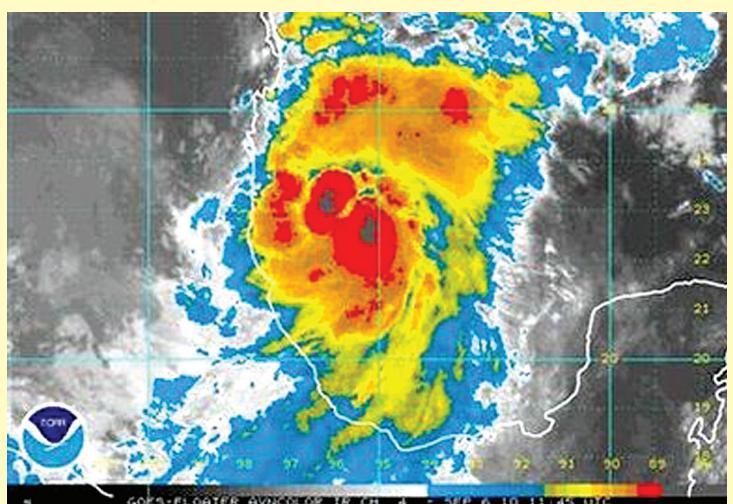


Melany Centeno, foreground right, and others dance as they make their way along Eastern Parkway in the Brooklyn borough of New York during the West Indian-American Day Parade Monday Sept. 6, 2010.

Associated Press

Hurricane watch for Mexico, Texas

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — Mexican authorities urged people to move to shelters while officials in Texas distributed sandbags and warned of flash floods as Tropical Storm Hermine strengthened and headed toward the northwestern Gulf coast on Monday. Hermine will probably make landfall around midnight just south of the U.S.-Mexico border, threatening to bring as much as one foot of rainfall to some areas battered by Hurricane Alex in June. Remnant rains from Alex killed at least 12 people in flooding in Mexico. Hermine "will briefly be over Mexico, and then we're expecting it to produce very heavy rainfall over south Texas," said Eric Blake, a hurricane specialist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center. "We're expecting widespread rainfall totals of 4 to 8 inches with isolated amounts of a foot possible. Especially in the hilly and mountainous terrain that could cause life-threatening flash flooding." The storm's winds strengthened to about 60 mph (95 kph), and by Monday afternoon it was located about 100 miles (165 km) south-southeast of Brownsville, Texas. Tropical storm force winds extended out up to 105 miles (165 kms) from the storm's center. While it is likely to hit just south of Matamoros - across the border from Brownsville



- at tropical storm force, it has the potential to build into minimal hurricane strength, Blake said. A hurricane watch was issued for the area from Rio San Fernando, Mexico, northward to Baffin Bay in Texas.

The cattle-ranching region is one of the most dangerous in Mexico's turf war between two drug cartels. It is the same area 72 migrants were killed two weeks ago in what it is believed to be Mexico's worst drug gang massacre to date.

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Mexican emergency officials urged people living in low-lying coastal areas to move to shelters, but there were no immediate evacuation plans. "We urge the general population to be on alert for possible floods and mudslides," said Salvador Trevino, director of civil defense of Tamaulipas state, where Matamoros is located. On the Texas coast, emergency officials readied pumping equipment and distributed sandbags in Cameron County, said John Cavazos, the county's emergency management coordinator. He said they are also suggesting that people in recreational vehicles in county parks along the coast should move. He officials are worried about flooding because the ground is already saturated from earlier rains. Some areas could get up to 12 inches of rain, he said. "Anyone living in ... an area that's known to flood, they need to take some precautions," Cavazos said. Frank Torres, emergency management coordinator for Willacy County, said officials are preparing sandbags and making sure people know a storm is coming. "It just popped up out of nowhere," he said. "We're anticipating some flooding.

The good thing is it's going to blow through here very quickly." No evacuations had been ordered in Texas. In Hidalgo County, located inland, just west of Cameron and Willacy counties, officials were also distributing sandbags and anticipating the need to pump floodwaters. "Residents are urged to make preparations now and to remain alert to this rapidly-developing weather situation," Hidalgo County Judge Rene A. Ramirez said in a news release.

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must cover their hair in public. The newspaper later apologized for the error.

With the end of Ramadan this week, the mother of two could be executed "any moment," said her lawyer, Javid Houtan Kian. The sentence was put on hold in July after an international outcry over the brutality of the punishment, and it is now being reviewed by Iran's supreme court.

Ashtiani was convicted in 2006 of having an "illicit relationship" with two men after the murder of her husband the year before and was sentenced at that time to 99 lashes. Later that year, she was also convicted of adultery and sentenced to be stoned, even though she retracted a confession that she says was made under duress.

"The possibility of stoning still exists, any moment," Kian told The Associated Press. "Her stoning sentence was only delayed; it has not been lifted yet."

Italy is among several countries pressing for Iran to show flexibility in the case. The country's foreign minister, Franco Frattini, said the Italian ambassador in Iran met with authorities in Tehran who "confirmed to us that no decision has been made" about the stoning sentence.

"I interpret that in the sense that the stoning, for now, won't take place," Frattini said in an interview on Italian state TV.

After putting the stoning sentence on hold, Iran suddenly announced that the woman had also been brought to trial and convicted of playing a role in her husband's 2005 murder. Her lawyer disputes that, saying no charges against her in the killing have ever been part of her case file.

In early August, Iranian authorities broadcast a purported confession from Ashtiani on state-run television. In it, a woman identified as Ashtiani admits to being an unwitting accomplice in her husband's killing.

Kian says he believes she was tortured into confessing.

In the latest twist, authorities are said to have flogged her for the publication of a photo of a woman without her hair covered in the Times of London newspaper. The woman in the photo was misidentified as Ashtiani.

She was lashed on Thursday, Kian said, citing information from a fellow prisoner who was released last week. Kian has been allowed no direct contact



with his client since last month. "We have no access to Ashtiani, but there is no reason for the released prisoner to lie" about the flogging, he said.

There was no official Iranian confirmation of the new punishment.

The woman's son, 22-year-old Sajjad Qaderzadeh, said he did not know whether the new lashing sentence had been carried out yet, but that he also heard about the sentence from a prisoner who recently left the Tabriz prison where his mother is being held.

"Publishing the photo provided a judge an excuse to sentence my poor mother to 99 lashes on the charge of taking a picture unveiled," Qaderzadeh told the AP.

The Times apologized in its Monday edition but added that the lashing "is simply a pretext." "The regime's purpose is to make Ms. Ashtiani suffer for an international campaign to save her that has exposed so much iniquity," the newspaper said.

Another lawyer who once represented Ashtiani, Mohammad Mostafaei, said in a news conference in Paris that it was not certain if there really had been a new conviction and sentence over the photograph.

"I have contacted my former colleagues at the court who told me nothing was clear on this situation," he said at the news conference with French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner. "There isn't any punishment for this act in our law."

Kouchner called the stoning sentence "the height of barbarism" and said her case has become a "personal cause" and he was "ready to do anything to save her. If I must go to Tehran to save her, I'll go to Tehran."

Ashtiani's two children remain in Iran and her son is a ticket seller for a bus company in the northern Iranian city of Tabriz. He said he and his younger sister, Farideh, 18, have not seen their mother since early August.

"We have really missed her," he said. "We expect all influential bodies to help to save her." The Vatican on Sunday raised the possibility of using behind-the-scenes diplomacy to try to save her life as well.

Argentines risking all to carry huge wads of cash

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The "marker" lurks inside the bank, looking for people pulling large amounts of cash from a safe deposit box or bank account. The gunmen linger outside, usually on motorcycles, waiting to make their move.

For people like Carolina Piparo, eight months pregnant and carrying a purse full of cash for a down payment on her first home, gangs like these are an unavoidable risk in today's Argentina, where the underground cash economy is fueling a frightening new crime wave.

The July 29 attack that left Piparo comatose and killed her child added to a toll of thousands of crime victims — 4,998 reported "withdrawal robberies" in the first half of this year alone, according to Louis Vicat, a security consultant who keeps track privately because the government hasn't published detailed crime statistics since 2007.

Many victims don't even report being robbed, because they wouldn't be able to explain to tax agents where they got the money, says Vicat,

who retired as deputy internal affairs chief of the Buenos Aires provincial police.

And yet cash on the table is simply the only way to do business — even when buying homes or entire companies — for many people in Argentina.

Transferring such money electronically would solve the problem in an instant. But in a society where income tax evasion runs about 50 percent and taxes eat up 65 percent of the money people do declare, many people are reluctant to use banks that way. Even people who want to pay all their taxes have a hard time complying, because there's always someone demanding to hide all or part of the transaction by paying in cash — preferably U.S. dollars.

The attack on Piparo in provincial La Plata prompted anti-crime marches and no end of fingerpointing by police and politicians. And yet a fractured Congress failed to agree to even debate a package of weak bank security proposals last week.

Olympia, 2-war naval veteran

One-of-a-kind steel cruiser battles for survival



PHILADELPHIA – The USS Olympia, a one-of-a-kind steel cruiser that returned home to a hero's welcome after a history-changing victory in the Spanish-American War, is a proud veteran fighting what may be its final battle.

Time and tides are conspiring to condemn the weathered old warrior to a fate two wars failed to inflict. Without a major refurbishment to its aging steel skin, the Olympia either will sink at its moorings on the Delaware River, be sold for scrap, or be scuttled for an artificial reef just off Cape May, N.J., about 90 miles south. The 5,500-ton Olympia's caretakers monitor every inch of its deteriorating lower hull and deck, already covered with hundreds of patches. Independent inspectors have concluded that the ship could decay to a point beyond saving within a few years if nothing is done. "It's an absolute national disgrace. It's an appalling situation," said naval historian Lawrence Burr, author of a book on Olympia. "She is a national symbol, and she marks critical points in time both in America's development as a country and the Navy's emergence as a global power."

Olympia, which gets about 90,000 visitors annually, closes to the public Nov. 22 to await its fate. Visitors to the museum pay up to \$12, which includes the chance to board the warship.

Since taking stewardship of the floating museum from a cash-strapped nonprofit in 1996, the Independence Seaport Museum has spent \$5.5 million on repairs, inspections and maintenance. But it can neither afford the \$10 million to dredge the marina, tow the ship to dry-dock and restore it to fighting trim, nor the \$10 million to establish an endowment to care for it in perpetuity.

"She's an icon," said Jeffrey S. Nilsson, executive director of the Historic Naval Ships

Association in Smithfield, Va. "She's worthy of being saved."

Efforts to secure private or public funding have been unsuccessful, a stark reminder of recessionary times. Museum officials are reluctantly mulling whether to scrap the National Historic Landmark, said to be the world's oldest steel warship still afloat, or have the Navy sink it off the coast of Cape May.

The 344-foot-long protected cruiser ideally should have been dry-docked every 20 years for maintenance. Instead it has been dutifully bobbing — and quietly wasting away — in the Delaware since 1945 without a break from the wind and waves.

The waterline is marked with scores of patches, and sections of the mazelike lower hull are so corroded that sunlight shines through. Above deck, water sneaks past the concrete and rubberized surface layers, past the rotting fir deck underneath, and onto the handsomely appointed officers' quarters below.

"She generally looks good for her age, but her expensive pre-existing conditions make it daunting," said Jesse Lebovics, longtime caretaker of Olympia. "We're still hoping someone will step up. We're hoping for an 11th-hour reprieve."

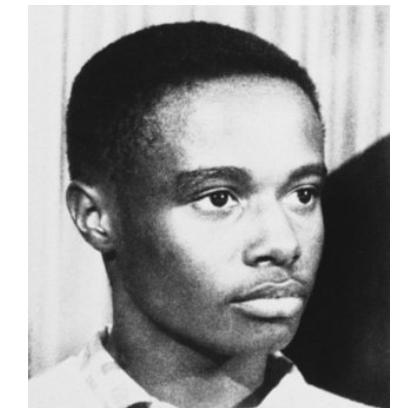
Two local nonprofits — Friends of the Cruiser Olympia and The Cruiser Olympia Historical Society — are striving to drum up money, manpower and publicity from other historic preservation groups, veterans organizations and corporate sponsors.

"We don't want to see the ship reefed and the museum doesn't either," said Jay Richman, president of Friends of the Cruiser Olympia. "We're optimistic that a bunch of small groups working together for a common cause can save the ship."

Little Rock 9 member Jefferson Thomas dies in Ohio

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Jefferson Thomas, who as a teenager was among nine black students to integrate a Little Rock high school in the nation's first major battle over school segregation, has died. He was 68.

Thomas died Sunday in Ohio of pancreatic cancer, according to a statement from Carlotta Walls LaNier, who also enrolled at Central High School in 1957 and



is president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation.

The integration fight was a first real test of the federal government's resolve to enforce a 1954 Supreme Court order outlawing racial segregation in the nation's public schools. After Gov. Orval Faubus sent National Guard troops to block Thomas and eight other students from entering Central High, President Eisenhower ordered in the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

Soldiers stood in the school hallways and escorted each of the nine students as they went from classroom to classroom.

Each of the Little Rock Nine received Congressional Gold Medals shortly after the 40th anniversary of their enrollment. President Clinton presented the medals in 1999 to Thomas, LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Minnijean Trickey Brown, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Terrence Roberts and Thelma Mothershed Wair.

In 2008, then President-elect Obama sent Thomas and other members of the Little Rock Nine special invitations to his inauguration as the nation's first black president. During his campaign, he had said the Little Rock Nine's courage in desegregating Central High helped make the opportunities in his life possible.



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US investors seek pay for pre-WWII German bonds

MIAMI – More than 80 years ago, Germany sold tens of thousands of bonds to American investors in an effort to recover financially from World War I. Later, Adolf Hitler used some of the money raised by those bonds to build the powerful Nazi war machine that would ravage Europe during World War II.

Now, a half-dozen U.S. bondholders are turning to federal courts in an effort to force Germany to make good on its promise to repay the debts, which today could be worth

hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars. Action has been heating up in lawsuits filed in Miami, New York and Chicago, including a victory for investors last month when an appeals court rejected Germany's attempt to dismiss their case.

If the bondholders ultimately win, their lawyers could ask judges to seize German assets in the U.S. to repay them, a tactic that has worked in other legal disputes over money owed by foreign governments. But if Germany prevails, the

bondholders argue, it could undermine the global system through which governments raise money by issuing bonds. "Our position is not only correct under the law, it would avoid such a potentially far-reaching precedent," said investor attorney Sam Dubbin of Coral Gables, who has frequently represented Holocaust survivors in Nazi-related claims.

Enrico Brandt, a spokesman for the German Embassy in Washington, said the lawsuits are baseless. Brandt said the only way bondholders can redeem the securities is to go through a validation process mandated by a 1953 international treaty and later enshrined in German law.

"Consequently, the efforts of the plaintiffs to outmaneuver the validation procedure by suing in the United States will fail," Brandt said in an e-mail. "Any bond passing the validation procedure successfully will be honored."

Even with the questions of the bonds' validity, a robust market has developed with people around the globe buying and selling them in hopes they one day can be redeemed.

Bondholders claim in their lawsuits Germany has erected a nightmarish maze of bureaucratic red tape around the validation process. One key issue for many bonds is a purported Soviet Red Army plunder of thousands of bonds in 1945 from a Nazi vault as the war ended. Germany said those bonds had already been redeemed to the government, but were still improperly resold around the world. Any from that batch would therefore be invalid, the government argues.

Court documents indicate that Germany has repeatedly cited



a "list of stolen bonds" in denying payment, but attorneys for bondholders say Germany won't share its list or allow it to face public and legal scrutiny. The validation law also requires the difficult task of proving the bond wasn't physically present in Germany on Jan. 1, 1945, not long before Germany surrendered.

"There are so many problems with the validation process that there is no real validation process," said Tampa attorney James Lowy, who represents a group of investors separate from those Dubbin works for. Dubbin said documents from a German archive show most of the looted bonds were returned by the Soviets, a conclusion echoed by historians hired by lawyers in the New York case.

Germany also has claimed it is not subject to U.S. court rulings regarding its bonds, a stance rejected by federal appeals courts in Atlanta and New York. The New York court, however, dismissed one bondholder lawsuit on grounds that they did not first seek repayment through the German validation process. The bonds in that case are valued at more than \$400 million. If Germany ultimately loses in American courts and still refuses to pay the bondholders, their U.S. attorneys could ask judges to seize German assets in this country or ask German courts to enforce the judgment. Lawyers in a separate case previously seized millions of dollars in Cuban assets frozen in the U.S. to pay lawsuit damages.

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Montana plane crash revives 'lap child' debate



HELENA, Mont. — Federal transportation safety officials are using the deadly crash of an overloaded plane in Montana to revive a long-standing debate about whether small children should be allowed to travel on the laps of adults.

The 10-seater plane crashed as it was landing in Butte in March 2009, killing all 14 people aboard, including seven children. Investigators say that several of the children were found far from the plane, suggesting that they weren't properly restrained.

The National Transportation Safety Board is asking aviation regulators to require all passengers to have their own seats and seat belts, including children under the age of 2 who are now allowed to sit on an adult's lap during takeoff, landing and turbulence.

The recommendation last month is similar to others the NTSB has submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration over the past two decades, only to be rebuffed. This time, the NTSB, which does not have rule-making authority, is using the Butte crash as an example.

"We strongly believe one seat, one person," said Nora Marshall, chief of NTSB survival factors in aviation safety.

FAA spokeswoman Alison Duquette said the agency will take a fresh look at the NTSB's recent recommendation, but the agency has no immediate plans to change its rules.

The Pilatus PC-12 was carrying three California families to a weeklong ski holiday in Bozeman, but then diverted to Butte

for reasons that are still not clear and crashed into a cemetery next to the city's airport. The seven children aboard were ages 1 through 9.

The NTSB has not completed its investigation into the cause of the crash. But the NTSB has released some new information with its latest recommendation, saying that four of the children were thrown far from the plane. The crash was so severe that it's unlikely anybody would have survived even with proper restraints, but the "accident renews the NTSB's longstanding concerns" about the restraints, the recommendation reads.

The FAA agrees that the safest place for an infant or a toddler on a flight is in an approved child restraint and not an adult's lap. But the FAA won't make it a requirement because the agency believes many families with small children wouldn't pay the cost of an extra ticket, and instead would travel by highway, which statistically is much more dangerous than air travel.

Earlier in the decade, the FAA considered changing the rule, but decided against it, citing statistics from 2004 that showed nearly 43,000 people died on U.S. highways, compared to 13 fatalities on commercial flights.

The agency estimated then that a child-restraint requirement could result in 13 to 42 additional highway fatalities over 10 years.

"What we found was that there were some parents who would be sensitive to price and they would choose to drive instead of fly," Duquette said. "We would be forcing them into automobiles,

which are less safe."

The NTSB conducted its own study in 2004 and concluded that real-world evidence from the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks contradicts the FAA's estimates.

The transportation safety board looked at travel between 2000 and 2002, when domestic plane travel decreased 8.3 percent and highway travel increased 4 percent as a result of the attacks.

There was a slight percent increase in overall highway fatalities, but the number of children under the age of 5 killed in highway accidents during that time actually decreased, the study found.

"There does not appear to be a clearly defined relationship between diversion from air travel

and highway accidents or injury," the report concluded.

One NTSB member, vice chairman Christopher Hart, called it "futile" to keep making the same recommendation to the FAA and said the board should take a different approach.

"We have made that recommendation before, without success, and we have no reason to believe that this approach will achieve a better result this time," Hart wrote in a dissent to the August recommendation.

Instead, he said, the recommendation should be for the FAA to do more research that will lead the agency to the conclusion that there is no age where a lap child can be safely held, and force it to justify using the arbitrary age of 2 as the cutoff.

The Air Transport Association, which represents most of the airline industry, is staying out of the debate and declined to comment on what the effects would be on airlines if the rule were to change. "We haven't seen any reason to change that rule," said David A. Castelveter, ATA's vice president of communications. "The rule is the rule and we fully comply."

Marshall of the NTSB said even if the transportation safety board can't persuade the FAA to change the rule, it is hoping crashes like the one in Butte will educate people about the importance of placing small children in their own seats with their own seat belts.

"We have this message and the vehicle to get the message out. It starts with an accident," she said.

'Censored' bar won't stop online prostitution

NEW YORK — Craigslist's "adult services" section has been shut down in the U.S., but prostitution on the Internet is alive and well — even, quite possibly, on Craigslist.

Users of the website and its CEO grouse that the Internet is still full of sites where people can find prostitutes. As for the massive online classifieds site itself, many personal ads, which remain on the site, appear to be thinly veiled solicitations of sex for sale.

State attorneys general had pressed Craigslist to do more to block potentially illegal ads promoting prostitution, and hailed the company's decision to take down its adult services section on Saturday. But like other illegal online activities targeted with prosecution or lawsuits, including gambling, child pornography and unauthorized music downloads, shutting down one outlet simply sends many users running to others.

John Palfrey, a Harvard University law professor and co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, said the move from Craigslist was still a victory because it moved the ads off a highly visible location.

"Will people be able to find these ads online? The answer is almost certainly," he said. "Will they be able to find these on legitimate

sites? I think the answer is probably not." It's unclear if the shutdown is permanent. A black bar reading "censored" remained in place on the company's U.S. pages late Sunday. Erotic services ads on non-U.S. sites were still active.

Neither Craigslist CEO Jim Buckmaster nor a company spokeswoman responded to e-mails and phone calls seeking comment on Sunday. The company previously said it would issue a statement on the matter, without saying when.

Attorneys general from 17 states sent Craigslist a letter last month demanding that it take down its adult services section, saying the company was not doing enough to deter prostitution and child trafficking. Whether Craigslist could be found liable is a murky legal issue, but pressure on the company grew after some highly publicized incidents where authorities said encounters set up through Craigslist ended in violence and even death.

A former medical student, Philip Markoff, was accused of killing a masseuse he met through Craigslist. He committed suicide last month in the Boston jail where he was awaiting trial.



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EU tries to tackle illegal immigration

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PARIS (AP) — European ministers on Monday discussed ways to crack down on illegal immigration, block false asylum demands and harmonize EU immigration policy so that one country's solution doesn't become another country's problem. The meeting was hosted by France, which is in the midst of a fierce controversy over the mass expulsion of Gypsies to their homelands in Romania and Bulgaria, two European Union countries. But the Gypsies, or Roma, were not on Monday's agenda, which dealt exclusively with immigration from outside the 27-member EU.

"It's urgent to coordinate," said French Immigration Minister Eric Besson, who hosted the daylong informal talks that brought together officials from Italy, Germany, Greece, Britain, Belgium, which currently holds the EU presidency, and Canada — all top magnets for migrants.

Attendees learned how one nation's decisions can affect others. Italy cut a deal with Libya, a jumpoff point for migrants heading to Europe, and reduced the flow of

illegal immigrants arriving on its shores from tens of thousands to hundreds. But that didn't stop "asylum shoppers," who simply headed to Greece instead. France has led an effort to fight illegal immigration. Its crackdown on the Roma — mostly EU citizens who lack work or residency papers — has come amid a tightening of security by President Nicolas Sarkozy, who blames the Roma for raising France's crime rate. France's tactics have drawn criticism both from the EU and the Roman Catholic Church.

Sarkozy's office confirmed Monday that the president is pushing ahead with another contested measure — stripping naturalized French citizens of their nationality if they are convicted of attacking a law enforcement official. The plan is to be included in a security bill that goes before parliament this month.

"We are not afraid of anyone or anything. The European Union is not a fortress," Besson said at a news conference. "It simply wants to promote legal immigration, which is the only type that allows for true integration."



Romas stand in a camp, in Fleury Merogis, south of Paris, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010. France has stepped up its long-standing policy of rounding up Eastern European Gypsies, or Roma, and sending them home. Officials have dismantled more than 100 illegal camps and expelled hundreds of Roma, mostly to Romania and Bulgaria.

Associated Press

Dozens protested Monday outside the French Embassy in the Romanian capital of Bucharest and in the western Romanian city of Timisoara over the expulsions of Roma from France. Some protesters carried banners saying "Stop Sarkozy" while others threw French wine, cosmetics and food in a bin.

Besson insisted that the hundreds of Roma forced to leave France in August went voluntarily with small stipends. Others have been expelled. Those forced to leave have been living in illegal encampments and overstayed a three-month limit for those without resources.

"The sacred principle of freedom of circulation of citizens doesn't have limits," said Italian Interior Minister Roberto Maroni. "The right of citizens to reside permanently in a country

over the period of three months in one of the member states does have limits."

Maroni has said Sarkozy is "right" to force Gypsies who violate the law to leave. Italy had a much-criticized crackdown on Gypsies years ago.

The Paris talks were aimed at helping to lay the groundwork for a European Union ministerial conference on asylum Sept. 13-14.

Besson and others lamented what they said was the slowdown in processing asylum-seekers escaping war and other threats as officials tried to weed out claims for asylum by migrants who do not meet well-defined standards.

Maroni said he looks to the creation of a European system of dealing with illegal immigration and asylum "so that all countries have the same rules, the same

standards," as proposed by France.

"We're dealing with people who require protection," he said.

Italy has cut back the arrivals of migrants from nearby Libya through a bilateral agreement with Tripoli. But Greek Deputy Citizens' Protection Minister Spiros Vouglas said his country, already vulnerable to illegal migrants, was getting "asylum shoppers" turned away from Italy.

"As one country adopts a firm policy" migrants "find other points to come through," he said.

Vouglas said this year Greece was seeing increasing numbers of especially vulnerable migrants, including pregnant women, the elderly and children.

"We need help and we need support of the whole European Union," he said.

Suriname leader: Drug conviction 'almost a joke'

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Former Surinamese dictator Desi Bouterse shrugged off questions about his past during his first overseas trip as elected president, saying Monday that he will not interfere in his ongoing murder trial and dismissing a 1999 drug conviction as "almost a joke."

Bouterse traveled to Guyana to discuss the proposed construction of the first bridge over the river that divides the South American neighbors. He fielded questions at a news conference about his past as a two-time coup leader who has been charged in the deaths of 15 prominent Surinamese citizens in December 1982. The 64-year-old president and some two dozen associates face charges including murder in a trial that has progressed slowly. "We will not touch it. It will remain in the courts," Bouterse told reporters. "We are ready to face the truth about things when they are brought to the court in a proper sense."

In the past, he has accepted "political responsibility" for the so-called December killings while denying a direct role. As president he is not required to testify, and if convicted he could potentially engineer a pardon and avoid a 20-year sentence. Bouterse also played down his 1999 drug conviction in the Netherlands, for which he was sentenced to 11 years in prison. Suriname has no extradition agreement with the European nation, its former colonial ruler.

He was found guilty in absentia of helping orchestrate the



Suriname's President Desi Bouterse, right, and Guyana's President Bharrat Jagdeo attend a joint news conference in Georgetown, Guyana, Monday Sept. 6, 2010.

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shipment of 474 kilograms (1,040 pounds) of cocaine from Suriname to the Netherlands in 1997, a ruling that was upheld on appeal.

"This so called drugs case is almost a joke because the conviction was on the basis of the testimony of one witness. The man is still in jail for drugs in Belgium," he said. "The sentence has no substance."

Bouterse, as he has in the past, also suggested that the case was orchestrated by the Netherlands as punishment for his work on behalf of the people of Suriname. "Once you choose to

serve the interests of your people, attacks of this nature will come, even fabrications will come," he said.

Bouterse's party secured the largest bloc of seats in the National Assembly in May with about 40 percent of the vote, and he subsequently won the presidency in a parliamentary vote by forging alliances with political foes.

He and Guyanese President Bharrat Jagdeo said they had agreed to work toward resolving a border dispute and to build a bridge over the Corentyne River to boost trade.

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N. Korea prepares for biggest convention in 30 years

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Huge posters plastered across the North Korean capital hailed the nation's biggest political convention in 30 years as a historic event as the world watched Monday for signs that the country's next leader was making his public debut.

Party delegates from all corners of North Korea were gathering in Pyongyang, state media said. Thousands practiced waving pink and red plastic flowers in a weekend rehearsal of celebrations at Kim Il Sung Square, China's Xinhua news agency said.

The capital was festooned with posters urging North Koreans to "make this a festive event that will shine in the history of our country and people." One North Korean professor told broadcaster Associated Press Television News the party meeting marked a "turning point" for the communist nation.

However, there was no confirmation Monday that the convention, slated to take place in "early September," had begun, with the timing kept secret as is typical of the North Korean regime.

The gathering is the Workers' Party's first major meeting since the landmark 1980 congress where Kim Jong Il made his public debut as North Korea's future leader. He took over after his father, North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, died of heart failure in 1994 in what was communism's first hereditary transfer of power.

Now 68 and reportedly suffering from diabetes and other ailments, Kim is believed to be grooming his youngest son, Jong Un, to take the Kim dynasty into a third generation.

Very little is known about the twentysomething heir apparent said to be his father's favorite among three sons. His name has never been mentioned in state media, and there are no known photos of him as an adult.



A large campaign poster is posted in a street, promoting a Workers' Party conference early this month in Pyongyang, North Korea, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010. North Korea's ruling communist party members gathered in Pyongyang ahead of their largest political conference in 30 years, state media reported Monday, amid predictions that leader Kim Jong Il would use the meeting to give a key ruling party position to one of his sons. The campaign slogans in the poster reads: "Let us mark the representatives' meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea as a celebration that will shine in the history of our party and our country."

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There was speculation that Kim Jong Il took the son to China on a recent surprise trip to introduce him to top Chinese officials, but there was no mention of Jong Un in dispatches in Chinese or North Korean state media.

South Korea's defense minister said military officials were preparing for any situation that might arise if the succession doesn't go smoothly.

"I believe North Korea may face many difficulties since Kim Jong Un is a young man, only about 27 years old," Kim Tae-young said Monday at a Seoul forum. This year's gathering in Pyongyang is not a top-level party congress but a meeting of party representatives that North Korea's state-run Uriminzokkiri website said is held "when urgent or extraordinary matters arise."

Dr. Kim Chang Gyong, an

assistant professor at the North Korean Academy of Social Science, hinted to APTN that party officials would be addressing an urgent matter.

"I think (the meeting) will serve as an important occasion amid our efforts to build a powerful socialist nation ... at a time when there is a historic demand for a new turning point," he said in Pyongyang. North Korea's main newspaper described an anticipatory mood in the capital.

"The people's hearts awaiting the revolutionary, festive occasion heat up due to their joy and happiness," Rodong Sinmun said.

vThe conference comes amid tensions with Washington and the international community over the North's nuclear program, as well as a standoff with Seoul over the deadly March sinking of a South Korean warship. However, the regime announced Monday that a

seven-member crew of a South Korean fishing boat seized last month in its waters would be released as a humanitarian gesture.

The impoverished nation is also suffering from the effects of a disastrous attempt at economic reform.

Delegates are expected to elect about 150-250 representatives to the party's Central Committee, as well as a core group of 30-40 leaders to the key Political Bureau and other departments, analyst Cheong Seong-chang of the Sejong Institute think tank near Seoul said Monday.

He predicted that preliminary sessions will begin Wednesday, with the main session taking place Thursday — the day North Korea celebrates the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the country's official name. South Korean officials said

troops, artillery and tanks were massing near the capital in apparent preparation for a military parade, either for the party convention or for a Workers' Party milestone taking place next month.

Good Friends, a Seoul-based civic group that sends food and other aid to North Korea, said convention registration began Saturday, and delegates were touring historic sites.

At one Pyongyang museum, black-and-white photos depicted the historic Workers' Party congress of 1980, held at the April 25th House of Culture. One photo depicted the late Kim Il Sung taking the podium to address delegates, APTN footage showed. Another showed a young-looking Kim Jong Il — with a full head of black hair and slouching slightly in his seat — watching the proceedings intently with a briefcase and sheaf of papers before him.

Female, single, over 30: Iraqis count cost of war

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BAGHDAD (AP)—Only one of Nidal Haidar's six sisters is married. She has given up on ever getting hitched.

"Our chances of finding husbands are diminishing as we grow older," said Haidar, a 38-year-old dressmaker from Baghdad. "I am at an age where anyone who may propose to me will either be a widower or very, very old, but no one is really proposing to me since all the men now are looking for a rich or a young bride."

The war has had any number of hidden costs for Iraqis. One that few outside Iraq might notice or even consider a significant problem: More women are finding themselves over 30 and single after seven years of bloody turmoil that made marriage more difficult, killing many young men and blowing apart social networks.

In Iraq's conservative society, women are expected to be married in their teens or early 20s. Women who cross the 30-year threshold and are single face powerful social stigmas and live under heavy limitations.

Generally, they must continue living with their parents or other family. If they are not wealthy, educated or employed, they are often reduced by relatives to servitude — cleaning, washing, cooking and watching over small children. Work opportunities are limited. At jobs or in public, unmarried women are sometimes seen as vulnerable, without the protection of a husband. Some almost never leave their houses.

"I am home all day long. I rarely go out," Haidar whispered, out of the earshot of a client who dropped by her home one recent afternoon to pick up a dress.

Haidar, who has a high school diploma, at least can earn a living and keep active with her dressmaking business. She and her fellow unmarried sisters — aged 23 to 40 — live with their parents in Sadr City, a Shiite district in



In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, Iraqi women shop at a market in central Baghdad, Iraq. Being female, single and 30-plus is not uncommon in Iraq, which lost hundreds of thousands of its young men in nearly 30 years of wars. The problem has been worsened by the bloody turmoil in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and nearly 13 years of U.N. sanctions that left generations of Iraqis too consumed by economic hardships to consider marriage. Associated Press

eastern Baghdad that has seen some of the Iraq war's worst street fighting.

"The last seven years of fighting has killed whatever chance I had of marrying. I no longer think of marriage," she said.

There are no figures available for the number of single females in their 30s in Iraq, but women's rights activists say it is beyond question that a disproportionately large number of them exists.

Being female, single and over 30 was already common because of Iraq's decades of conflict, including the bloody Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. But their number is believed to have significantly grown since 2003. Besides the young men killed in violence, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis — many of them fighting-age males — fled the country.

Also, suicide bombings, sectarian slayings, death squads and gunbattles disrupted social networks for marriage. People feared leaving their homes, so young

people had little chance to meet potential spouses.

Family visits, traditionally an opportunity for the men to meet future spouses have become rare during the height of the violence.

The Shiite-Sunni violence also meant that cross-sect marriages have become much less frequent.

Economic woes have also left many young men unable to afford the heavy expenses they must traditionally pay for marriage — including buying or renting and furnishing a home.

Unmarried and jobless, 39-year-old Fayhaa Jalil lives with her brother and his family in west Baghdad's Jihad neighborhood. "My sister-in-law persecutes me and treats me like a house servant," Jalil said.

Jalil still dreams of starting her own family but, she said, she's "realistic." On her street, only a handful of the 50 or so homes are occupied. Everyone else fled Shiite-Sunni violence.

"Who will see me if I don't

have any neighbors?" Jalil said. "Wars, violence and sectarianism are the cause of my misery. ... There are no suitable public places where someone like me can meet someone and eventually marry."

Jinan Mubarak, the head of a leading non-governmental women's organization in Baghdad, said the problems unmarried women face get little attention as the government focuses on helping the hundreds of thousands of widows left by wars.

"Single women are constantly harassed at work and at home because of their perceived vulnerability," she said. "They are exploited by their families too."

Women's activists are publicly debating solutions to promote marriage, like having the government offer cash incentives to men prepared to marry older women or take second wives, allowed under Islamic law.

Mubarak cautiously backs one

proposal for the government to pay a one-off sum of money to men who marry a woman over the age of 35. But she recognizes such a policy has its dangers for women.

"Women are not merchandise for sale, there must be guarantees of good intentions on the part of the men if we allow this to go ahead," she said.

To encourage marriage amid economic hard times, authorities and charities often organize mass weddings free of charge for couples unable to afford private parties and offer them wedding presents of cash or domestic appliances.

But another women's rights activist, Hanaa Adwar, says such gestures won't solve the deeper problems for unmarried women. "The real solution is in security, the revival of the economy and tackling unemployment," she said.

Unmarried women "must be given vocational skills to earn a living and get help to start small projects and be integrated in society," she said.

Others brush aside the social stigma and put more premium on careers than marriage.

Lina Hameed Ali, a 32-year-old English college teacher from Baghdad, is one of them. "I prefer a successful career over a marriage that does not work," she said. "At work, my efforts are met with gratitude, but giving in a marriage is not always reciprocated," said Ali, a Shiite who rejected three marriage proposals because the suitors were not from her religious sect.

"I am filled with sorrow when relatives keep asking me why I am not married yet or blame me for rejecting proposals," said Ali. "It is the narrowminded mentality of our Eastern societies."

Money Buys Happiness Only Up to a Point

Money might give you a sense of overall satisfaction with life, but the extra dough won't ensure days full of laughter and joy, a new survey analysis of income and happiness suggests.

Results showed that as a person's income increases so does their overall satisfaction with life, but the moment-to-moment enjoyment of those days depended more on social and physical factors, such as whether a person smoked or spent the day alone.

These findings agree with a similar analysis of global happiness, in which the wealthiest nations, such as the United States, weren't necessarily the happiest. For instance, the United States came in at No. 26 out of 132 nations on daily happiness. Another study on overall satisfaction showed those living in the wealthiest and most tolerant states were happiest by the measure used in the study. [Happiest States Revealed]



Happiness surveys

In the new study, Daniel Kahneman and Angus Deaton of Princeton University took a stab at figuring out whether and how income affected each of the two well-being

types: emotional well-being and overall life satisfaction. To do so, they analyzed more than 450,000 responses to the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, a daily survey of 1,000 U.S. residents conducted

by the Gallup Organization. They looked at percentage changes in income rather than absolute numbers.

"In the context of income, a \$100 raise does not have the same significance for a

financial services executive as for an individual earning the minimum wage, but a doubling of their respective incomes might have a similar impact on both," the researchers wrote this week in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. For life evaluation, participants indicated on a scale from zero to 10, from worst to best possible, how they would rate their lives. For emotional well-being, participants answered yes/no questions about whether they had experienced various positive and negative emotions a lot during the prior day. About 85 percent of respondents indicated they experienced a lot of positive emotions, including feelings of happiness, enjoyment and laughter/smiling on the previous day, while 24 percent felt a lot of sadness and worry. The average life-evaluation score was 6.76 (with 10 being the best possible life).

Physical illness, headaches,

Texas opens inquiry into Google search rankings

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s methods for recommending websites are being reviewed by Texas' attorney general in an investigation spurred by complaints that the company has abused its power as the Internet's dominant search engine.

The antitrust inquiry disclosed by Google late Friday is just the latest sign of the intensifying scrutiny facing the company as it enters its adolescence. Since its inception in a Silicon Valley garage 12 years ago, Google has gone from a quirky startup to one of the world's most influential businesses with annual revenue approaching \$30 billion.

A spokesman for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott confirmed the investigation, but declined further comment. The review appears to be focused on whether Google is manipulating its search results to stifle competition.

The pecking order of those results can make or break websites because Google's search engine processes about two-thirds of the search requests in the U.S. and handles even more volume in some parts of the world.

That dominance means a website ranking high on the first page of Google's results will likely attract more traffic and generate more revenue, either from ads or merchandise sales.

On the flip side, being buried in the back pages of the results, or even at the bottom of the first page, can be financially devastating and, in extreme cases, has been blamed for ruining some Internet companies.

European regulators already have been investigating complaints alleging that Google has been favoring its own services in its results instead of rival websites.

Japanese stem cell researcher wins Balzan prize

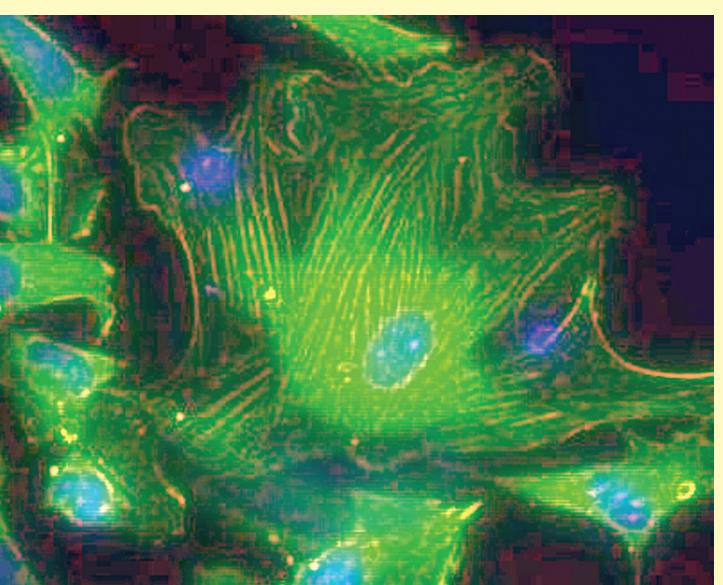
MILAN — A Japanese researcher who found a way to give adult cells certain characteristics of embryonic stem cells, a process scientists say could eventually lead to cures for spinal cord injuries and other ailments, has been awarded the Balzan Prize for biology.

Shinya Yamanaka's prize is one of four — two for sciences, two in humanities — awarded this year by the foundation, with the goal of highlighting

new or emerging areas of research and to sustain fields of study that may have been overlooked elsewhere.

Also winning awards were Brazilian mathematician Jacob Palis, who was cited for his contributions to the theory of dynamical systems, which draws from chaos theory and the butterfly effect, or the idea that small differences can create huge changes.

The humanities prizes go to Italian historian Carlo Ginzburg, the father of microhistory,



the study of the past based on a focus on the small scale, for his contributions to the study of ordinary people in Europe, and to German Manfred Bauneck for his history of the European theater.

Yamanaka has used its finding to treat spinal chord lesions in mice, though the process has not so far been applied in humans, said Nicole Le Douarin, an honorary professor at the College de France who has written a book on stem cells, and who presented the citation.

A bank bailout for Afghanistan?



Afghanistan's largest bank as rumors spread of its possible insolvency. Now, Kabul Bank's executives and investors are calling for a U.S. bailout to prevent a full scale run on the financial institution. American and Afghan officials are worried that a collapse at the bank, which allegedly blew a fortune on bad investments, could trigger a meltdown of the country's financial system that would overwhelm the government and aid the Taliban. Should Washington step in and bail out the bank?

Sadly, we may have no choice: We must act now, says Amy Davidson at The New Yorker, to prevent our war in Afghanistan from being "compromised by a bank." Letting Kabul Bank collapse would leave Afghan police and soldiers without pay, provoke civil unrest, and undermine our efforts to win hearts and minds against the Taliban. With so much at stake, American taxpayers may "end up bailing this bank out" whether they like it or not. "Too corrupt to fail?"

A bailout will do nothing unless we get rid of Karzai: Kabul Bank is run by President Karzai's cronies and family members, says Juan Cole at Informed Comment, which is why nothing was done about its irresponsible loans and investments. A bail-out won't tackle the root of the problem: The "Ponzi scheme" that is the Karzai government. Until this "corrupt and rotten" president is impeached, we will be throwing our money down a drain. "Collapse of Kabul Bank points to fatal corruption of Karzai government"

Obama is facing a serious dilemma here: There are good reasons for the U.S. to guarantee Kabul Bank's deposits, says Adam Rust at Bank Talk. That money belongs to "teachers, police officers, and soldiers" — the very people that "Afghanistan needs... if the country is going to move toward a modern economy." But if Obama is seen to be helping "looters in Kabul" while Americans suffer at home, it could cost his administration dearly, too. "Problems with Kabul Bank"

Why Are the Feds Suing Brash Arizona Sheriff?



WASHINGTON, DC – Joe Arpaio, the famously truculent sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona, is being sued by the U.S. Justice Department for refusing to cooperate with an investigation into discrimination and illegal searches. According to The Christian Science Monitor, "The Justice Department said it has been seeking documents relating to its civil-rights probe for 15 months and turned to a lawsuit only as a last resort." The blogosphere reacts:

Who Is This Guy? Andrew Cohen at Politics Daily explains: "Arpaio often is applauded locally, and is well-known nationally for what he calls his "get tough policies," which include dying prisoners' clothes pink, feeding them at a cost of 15 cents a meal, and housing them in tent cities. His midnight raids on businesses, where he rounds up suspected illegal immigrants, have been scorned by his critics and applauded by his fans."

What a Hypocrite, writes Prerna La at Change: "Since Arpaio is a fan of asking immigrants for their papers, it is not unreasonable to expect the Sheriff to show his own 'papers,' or records of accountability to his supervisors, and especially since his office gets federal funding, which subjects him to investigations under Title VI and compliance reviews... No one is above the law. If we are going to put non-violent, non-criminal undocumented immigrants in detention centers for mere civil violations, why is Sheriff Joe Arpaio not in prison yet for obstructing a federal investigation?"

This Gels With the Administration's Goals on Arizona Law, writes Suzy Khimm at Mother Jones: "With the Arpaio investigation and accompanying lawsuit, the Justice Department is sending the message that it is willing to add civil-rights protections to its priorities for immigration enforcement—and go after authorities who refuse to take heed."

They've Got Nothing on Arpaio, writes Byron York at The Washington Examiner: "ICE officials evaluated how the sheriff's office performed [six months ago]... They found an 'excellent' working relationship between the sheriff's office and the feds. ICE talked as well to federal prosecutors in Phoenix, who described the cases brought by Maricopa County as 'high quality.' ...In all, it's a quite positive assessment of an operation that just six months later would come under the Justice Department's microscope for alleged civil rights violations. It also lends indirect support to Arpaio's contention that the Justice Department investigation is politically motivated."

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PALM BEACH – The Wine Extravaganza hosted by the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa in collaboration with Romar Trading hosted a spectacular gala event in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom.

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The highlight of the Aruba Wine Extravaganza was the Marques Wine Dinner guided by wine-maker Alejandra Vallejo, starring the cuisine of the resort's culinary team with Executive Chef Hector Espinoza at the helm.

Dinner featured a Mesclun Mix of Baby Greens with Walnuts, Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Pepper Jack Cheese and a Raspberry paired with Terrunyo, 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, a bright, greenish-yellow wine with herbs, berries and mineral complexity, which contributes to a fresh, juicy taste.

The salad was followed by Chilean Sea Bass topped with Balsamic Whole Grain Mustard, Green Herb Pesto, Oven Roasted Tomatoes, Bermuda Onion Rings and Fried Polenta paired with Marques de Casa Concha 2007 Chardonnay, presenting a clean and bright wine including a rich, fruity and nutty taste.

The main course delivered Tenderloin Wrapped in Bacon, in a light Peppercorn Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus Points, paired with Marques

de Casa Concha Cabernet Sauvignon, a smooth, almost silky wine, whose full body paired excellently with the flavorful beef.

Pastry Chef Alejandro concocted Dessert Delice, an almond-biscuit basket filled with decadent sweet mousse and fresh berries that was escorted by Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc Concha Y Toro.



Dinner was entertained by musician Carlos Bislip on his jazz xylophone. Pictured here Aruba's wine aficionados broadening their wine experience at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, Grand Caribbean Ballroom.

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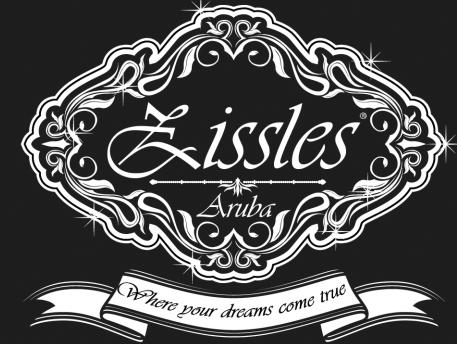
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released in 2006; 'Passages' followed. Lao Tizer has appeared at premier venues, sharing the stage at events worldwide with artists like Isaac Hayes, George Benson, The Commodores, Bruce Hornsby, Jethro Tull and Spyro Gyra, naming just a few. His recordings have sold over 90,000 copies and his music can be heard on radio and television airwaves worldwide.

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The day on De Palm Island was filled with fun, and

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SWEET CAROLINE



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark waves to the crowd after beating Maria Sharapova of Russia 6-3, 6-4 in the fourth round of play at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010.

Associated Press

'Woz' wows, and tops Sharapova at U.S. Open

EDDIE PELLS

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Forehands, backhands, big serves. Caroline Wozniacki got almost everything back Monday, frustrating Maria Sharapova in a 6-3, 6-4 victory to advance to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open.

The top-seeded Wozniacki won the way she always does — by chasing down hundreds of balls and forcing the other player into making mistakes.

The 14th-seeded Sharapova, trying to return to the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time since winning it all in 2006, fought for longer than any of Wozniacki's opponents to this point. But as the pressure of Wozniacki's consistency built, the hard-hitting Russian went for even more, with limited results. Sharapova wound up making 36 unforced errors. Wozniacki finished with 10 in what was, by far, her biggest challenge of the tournament thus far.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," said Wozniacki, who lost to Kim Clijsters in the final last year. "I got a lot of experience from last year, so it definitely helped me today."

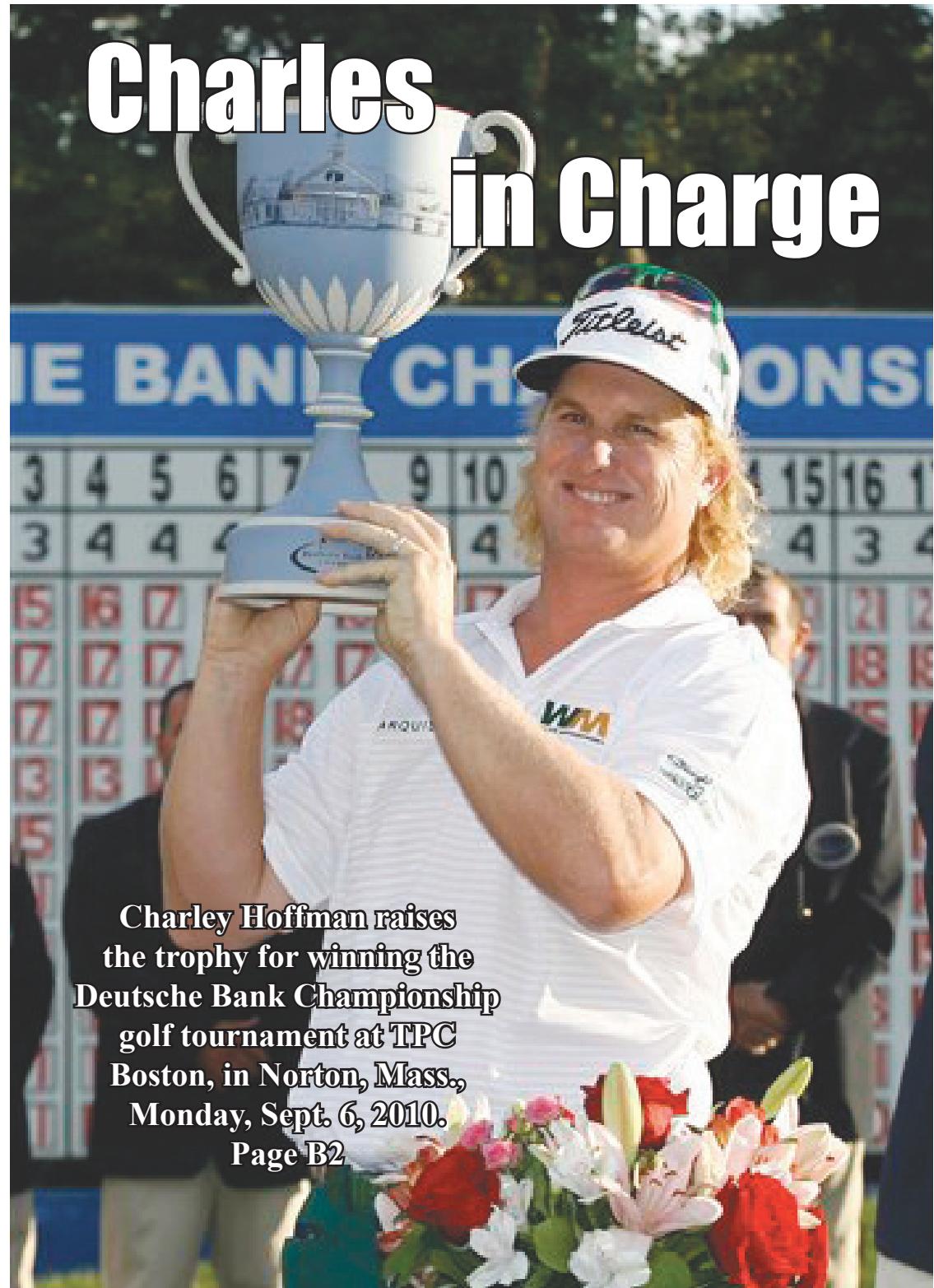
Wozniacki improved to 18-1 since Wimbledon and stretched her winning streak to 12 matches. Through her first four U.S. Open matches, she has lost a total of 10 games. Maybe most impressive, though, is this stat: She's made 40 unforced errors, compared to 123 by her opponents.

The Dane, ranked second in the world but seeded first because of Serena Williams' withdrawal, eliminated what is largely considered her toughest opponent remaining on her side of the draw.

Next up, "Woz" plays 45th-ranked Dominika Cibulkova, who defeated No. 11 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 7-6 (4) earlier Monday.

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Charles in Charge



Charley Hoffman raises the trophy for winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston, in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 6, 2010.

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SMOKE SIGNAL

Tony Stewart holds the trophy after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010.

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Hoffman wins Deutsche Bank; Tiger stays at No. 1

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts (AP) — Charley Hoffman made 11 birdies to close with a 9-under 62 and claim the Deutsche Bank Championship by five strokes Monday.

Hoffman ran off four straight birdies early to make up a four-shot deficit, and he kept right on going on the TPC Boston to hold out Geoff Ogilvy, Jason Day and Luke Donald.

The question is whether it was enough to make him a last-minute pick for the Ryder Cup.

"Hopefully, I'm on the real short list," he said.

Tiger Woods had three rounds in the 60s for the first time this year. He closed with a 69 to share 11th, and kept his No. 1 ranking in the world when Phil Mickelson imploded again.

Mickelson needed only to finish fourth to become No. 1 for the first time in his career. Instead, he opened the back nine with a triple bogey, made a double bogey on the 17th and shot 76 to finish 15 shots behind in a tie for 25th. A month ago, Mickelson had an equally good chance at Firestone and shot 78.

Even if he doesn't make the Ryder Cup, the FedEx Cup is looking pretty good for Hoffman.

He was No. 59 in the standings and arrived at the TPC Boston wanting to make sure he advanced to the third round of the playoffs next week outside Chicago. He wound up a winner, moving to No. 2 in the standings. That assures him a shot at the \$10 million bonus, and puts him in all four majors next year after not playing any of them this year.

That includes his first trip to the Masters, one of many perks.

"The best perk would be the Ryder Cup," Hoffman said. U.S. captain Corey Pavin will make his four selections Tuesday morning in New York. The frontrunners are Woods, Zach Johnson and Stewart Cink, with no one standing out as the fourth



Charley Hoffman holds up his ball after making a birdie on the 16th hole in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010, in Norton, Mass.

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choice.

Pavin had said earlier in the week that no one should assume a good week at the Deutsche Bank would put him on the team.

Hoffman made a strong impression with his game and his words.

"No question I think I can contribute to that team,"

Hoffman said. "If I can shoot 62 here in the playoffs, I'm pretty sure I can handle the Ryder Cup."

Hoffman tied the tournament record at 22-under 262, winning for the second time in his PGA Tour career.

He looked plenty strong on a gorgeous U.S. Labor Day in New England. Starting the

final round four shots behind Day, Hoffman began his first big run with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 second, and a pair of 10-foot birdies sandwiched around a good tee shot to the front bunker on the par-4 fourth green for a tap-in birdie. Hoffman must have known it was his day on the 13th, as Ogilvy was hitting his stride.

He blasted out of the front bunker, trying to nestle it close on greens that were firm and fast, then climbed out of the trap pumping his fist when it fell for an unlikely birdie. He followed that with a 5-foot par save on the 14th, an 18-foot birdie on the next hole and a 7-foot birdie on the 16th.

No one could catch him.

"The playoffs, that's what you try to do," Hoffman said. "Just got it going this week."

Day was wild off the tee early, then struggled with his putter coming in. He shot an even-par 71. Donald, who also had a share of the lead early, remained winless on the PGA Tour since 2006 when he settled for a 69.

Ogilvy closed with a 66, and the runner-up finish moved him from No. 52 to No. 9, assuring him a spot in the Tour Championship. It was Ogilvy's first top 10 on tour since he won at Kapalua in the first tournament of the year.

He played alongside Hoffman and appreciated what he saw.

"I had the best seat in the house to watch that," Ogilvy said. "He hit great shots all day. He putted really well and as soon as he got himself in trouble he'd go and hole a bunker shot or something like that. So it was a pretty class act and he never looked like doing anything but winning after about three holes."

The top 70 in the standings advance to the BMW Championship, which starts Thursday.

Andres Romero, who only started these playoffs at No. 115 and only got to the TPC Boston with a 40-foot birdie putt on the final hole last week, shot a 72 and narrowly made it at No. 68. The surprise was Tom Gillis, who was at No. 92 until a 65-65 weekend gave him a tie for fifth and moved him to No. 48.

Steve Marino shot 76 and John Rollins had a 79 to fall out of the top 70.

The heartbreak belonged to Kris Blanks, who closed with a 70 and appeared to narrowly make the field in Chicago until Charlie Wi birdied the last hole to bump him out.

Train crashes into truck in Spain; 2 dead, 8 hurt

HAROLD HECKLE

Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP) — A passenger train crashed into a heavy-duty dump truck in southwestern Spain on Monday, killing two people and injuring eight others, a government official said.

The collision occurred about 1 p.m. Monday near the town of Carmonita, 56 miles from the border with Portugal, a regional spokeswoman for Spain's Interior Ministry said.

The large truck was supporting work on Spain's bullet train link to Portugal when the three-carriage regional train slammed into it and lifted the truck partially onto its roof, she said. The impact caused all the carriages to derail.

A young woman, Olga Nunez, 19, aboard the train and the truck driver, Eduardo



Emergency personnel, left, work at the site where a passenger train crashed into a heavy-duty dump truck near Carmonita, southwestern Spain on Monday, Sep. 6, 2010.

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Duran, 25, were killed, and the seriously injured train driver was flown to Infanta Cristina hospital in the nearby city of Badajoz, said Agustin Guerrero, mayor of Carmonita.

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger scrambles out of the pocket during the first quarter against the Carolina Panthers in NFL preseason football game action in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010.

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14 players start season suspended

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger is one of 14 players who begin the NFL season on suspension.

According to league figures, Roethlisberger is one of four players suspended for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. The others are Ravens cornerback Cary Williams, Patriots tackle Quinn Ojinnaka and Buccaneers cornerback Aqib Talib.

Seven players are banned for substance abuse, and three are out due to violating the policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Atlanta is the only team with two players suspended, linebacker Robert James for PEDs and defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux for substance abuse.

Revis signs 4-year deal, returns to Jets

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Darrelle Revis was walking toward his teammates on the practice field when a strange feeling came over him.

"I had butterflies," the New York Jets' cornerback said with a grin Monday.

For a guy who routinely shuts down opponents' best wide receivers, the acknowledgment of insecurity was stunning.

"I didn't know how my teammates were going to accept me," Revis said, "because I haven't been here for a month."

After some loud, welcoming cheers and good-natured ribbing, Revis knew he was finally back home. He signed his four-year deal Monday afternoon, apologizing to fans for not getting back sooner and officially making his return after a 36-day holdout. "It was a good feeling just to see the guys," Revis said, "just wanting to be around them because I haven't been here for a while."

Revis agreed to a new contract late Sunday night and took an early morning flight Monday from his home in South Florida. He arrived at the Jets' training facility after 1 p.m., rejoined his teammates and signed the deal.

"It was a long process," he said. "It was rough on me. You know I'm a football player and I love to play the game and I'm happy it's over with. I can go play football now."

And, he'll get started right away. Revis is expected to practice Tuesday and be ready to play in the season opener next Monday night against Baltimore.

"I do think we may play Revis, I'm not sure," coach Rex Ryan quipped. "I think he might need to practice for several weeks before we play him, but don't be shocked if he's out there."

"In other words, he's definitely playing."

Revis said he has stayed in shape by working out during his holdout, but he acknowledges that he's not necessarily in football shape.

"I haven't had pads on and I haven't had contact," he said. "So that's something I have to get back into and just take it slow in the process."

The Jets and Revis' agents declined to announce financial terms of the deal, but it is reportedly worth at least \$46 million,

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New York Jets Darrelle Revis talks to the media at the team's practice facility in Florham Park, NJ on Monday, Sept. 6, 2010. Revis had been holding out for a new contract since August 1 and agreed to terms late Sunday night.

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including \$32 million guaranteed. Revis said all along he wanted to be the highest-paid player at his position, something agent Jonathan Feinsod said the Jets cornerback would be — without releasing terms.

"The numbers would reflect in our minds that he's being paid as the highest-paid cornerback," Feinsod said.

After months of waiting and wondering about his future, the All-Pro cornerback was just happy to be back on the field.

"This experience humbled me so much just because I love to play football," Revis said. "At one point, it was something that was taken away, that I love to do. I've never had anything taken away from me that I love to do. So this was a point in my life where it was serious."

Perhaps the most crucial moment of the negotiations came Saturday, when both Ryan and owner Woody Johnson flew to South Florida to meet with Revis, mother Diana Gilbert and uncle and former NFL player Sean Gilbert to try to solve the contract impasse.

"It meant a lot to me," Revis said, "to show the passion they have for me to come down to Florida and just chat with me and see if we can come to a common ground and both sides can see the right thing."

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In the other quarterfinal on this side of the draw, No. 31 Kaia Kanepi will play the winner of a late-Monday match between No. 7 Vera Zvonareva and Andrea Petrovic. Kanepi defeated No. 15 Yanina Wickmayer 0-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1 on Monday. The Wozniacki-Sharapova match was the best show of three afternoon matches in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where earlier No. 3 Novak Djokovic sucked all the life out of the crowd by routing No. 19-seeded Mardy Fish of the United States 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Fish's loss left only one American in the draw, No. 20 Sam Querrey, who plays No. 25 Stanislas Wawrinka on Tuesday.

Djokovic, eyeing his third straight U.S. Open semifinal, will play No. 17 Gael Monfils in the quarters. Earlier, Monfils beat fellow

Frenchman Richard Gasquet 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

Since a five-set scare in the first round, Djokovic hasn't dropped a set. Against Fish, who has played two five-setters in addition to doubles over the first week, the Serb was the better, fresher player. "I'm playing with a lot of confidence," Djokovic said. "It's definitely great to raise the level of performance toward the end of the tournament. It's been a great couple years for me in New York. Hopefully, I can go on."

With countrymen Andy Roddick and John Isner already gone, Fish was hoping to make Labor Day something memorable for his country — an underdog trying to get some momentum, and the crowd, on his side early, maybe channel his inner Jimmy Connors and turn the stadium into his own, personal cheering section. That never came close to



Former tennis player Patrick McEnroe, left, announces he will resign as U.S. Davis Cup captain at a news conference New York, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010. McEnroe will leave the post after the Davis Cup playoff against Colombia. United States Tennis Association Director of Coaching Jose Higueras is at right.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick McEnroe resigned as U.S. Davis Cup captain after 10 years on Monday and will leave after the Americans' playoff against Colombia this month.

McEnroe led the United States to a Davis Cup title in 2007. But for the first time since

2005, the Americans must win in the playoffs to secure a spot in the top tier of the Davis Cup.

"Obviously it's mixed emotions for me because of what Davis Cup has meant to me for 10 years, to the players that have supported it," McEnroe said at the U.S.

Patrick McEnroe resigns as U.S. Davis Cup captain

Open. "But I feel now is a good time for a transition, and I can focus on my professional energies, player development, and obviously will still be very involved with the team and who plays on the team and supporting the guys that are part of the team."

The younger brother of seven-time Grand Slam champion John McEnroe was hired two years ago to run the U.S. Tennis Association's program to develop elite players. He is also a TV analyst.

Four-time major champion Jim Courier, a commentator for CBS, said during the network's coverage Monday that he'd be interested in the job.

The title in 2007 was the Americans' first since 1995, ending the longest drought in U.S. Davis Cup history.

McEnroe's record is 16-9, second only to Tom Gorman's 18 wins.

Under McEnroe, the lineup of Andy Roddick, James Blake and Bob and Mike Bryan played in 10 consecutive Davis Cup events.

"Patrick changed the culture of Davis Cup in the United States, creating a true team environment and a sense of camaraderie that the U.S. has never before seen," Jim Curley, the USTA's chief professional tournaments officer, said in a statement.

"He has been a champion of the competition in every sense of the word, and elevated the stature of the event in this country."

McEnroe said Mardy Fish, Sam Querrey, John Isner and Ryan Harrison will play for the United States in Colombia.

happening against Djokovic, who dictated most points from the baseline and wound up with 30 winners to 13 for Fish. The occasional shout of "Don't give up, Mardy" echoed from the stands, but mostly, this was a flat afternoon and Fish couldn't do much to perk things up.

Midway through the final set in the windblown stadium, Fish changed tactics and tried coming to the net more often. That didn't go well, either. He went 2-for-6 on serve-and-volley points and won only half the 22 points he played at the net.

"I felt so many times today, like even off my first serves, I was sort of fighting to neutralize the point," Fish said. "I was on my back foot quite a bit, even when I was with the wind."

Proud powers get early test on rebuilding efforts



Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly celebrates after Notre Dame defeated Purdue 23-12 in an NCAA college football game in South Bend, Ind., Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010.

Associated Press

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

Michigan-Notre Dame seems so last century now.

The game burnished reputations, showcased a handful of top NFL draft picks and often signaled whether either Midwestern power was likely to land a spot in the national championship picture. But the meeting of the sport's two winningest programs in South Bend this weekend will resemble something closer to "Extreme Makeover: College Football Edition."

Neither has been relevant the last few years and both are in the midst of rebuilding. On the admittedly slim evidence of Saturday's openers, each suggested a change of fortune may be in the offing.

"We've been through a lot. It's been tough on the

coaches. It's been tough on the players," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said after the Wolverines pounded visiting Connecticut.

"This is just one win," he added, "but I'm going to let our players enjoy it."

"I took on the challenge at Notre Dame because I want to see this program back to where I believe it should be," said coach Brian Kelly after a convincing win over Purdue in his first game in charge of the Irish, "and that's amongst the elite in college football."

While their problems have been similar, the programs have gone about rebuilding differently.

The Irish have been impatient. Kelly is their sixth coach since the start of the decade — counting George O'Leary, who never coached a game, and Kent Baer, who served in an interim role for a bowl game after Ty Willingham was fired — and the lack of continuity has shown on defense.

Like his predecessor, Charlie Weis, Kelly brought glittering offensive credentials and a reputation for developing quarterbacks to South Bend.

But against Purdue, the rigorous offseason conditioning program Kelly installed yielded immediate dividends on defense — four sacks and two interceptions by a team that was losing the turnover battle regularly. And Notre Dame's ground game was just as tough, piling up 153 yards with Armando Allen and Cierre Wood taking turns slicing and dicing the Boilermakers' defense.

Speaking of which, the Wolverines began last season with plenty of promise, slipping past Notre Dame en route to a 4-0 start, only to lose seven of their final eight games, including five in a row. The same game proved an accurate barometer of where the Irish were headed. They stumbled to a 6-6 finish.

That explained Rodriguez' refusal to make too much of what might have been his biggest achievement so far in charge of the maize and blue. In his mind, preparations for Notre Dame couldn't begin soon enough.

"I will enjoy this for the next three hours and 10 minutes," he said, "and try to get five hours of sleep."

Lopez takes ninth stage of Spanish Vuelta



Caisse D'Epargne Team rider David Lopez from Spain celebrates as he crosses the finish line of the ninth stage of La Vuelta cycling race in Alcoi, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010. Associated Press

ALCOY, Spain (AP) — David Lopez of Spain won the ninth stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday, while Igor Anton retained the overall leader's red jersey.

The Caisse d'Epargne rider broke away from a five-man group with five kilometers to go in the 116.6-mile leg that featured seven special category climbs along the southeast Spain route.

Lopez completed his first stage victory at a major race in 5 hours, 20 minutes, 51 seconds.

Roman Kreuziger of the Czech Republic was six seconds behind and Giampaolo Caruso of Italy crossed the line third.

Anton, the overnight leader, was first ahead of fellow Spanish rider Joaquin Rodriguez despite sharing the same overall time of 37:56:42. Vincenzo Nibali of Italy remained two seconds behind while Xavier Tondo of Spain was next closest 42 seconds back.

Lopez and David Moncoutie of Cofidis had moved over eight minutes ahead of the peloton with 11 kilometers to race but were soon joined

by Kreuziger, Caruso and Egoi Martinez of Euskaltel Euskadi as the riders started the climb up Alto de Revolcat. Lopez pulled away on the descent to ensure he could cross the line alone ahead of Liquigas' Kreuziger, while Caruso finished 13 seconds further afield in third. Moncoutie was fourth, while Martinez finished sixth behind Biel Kadri of France.

U.S. beats Angola 121-66, reaches quarters at worlds



USA's Kevin Durant dunks the ball during the round of sixteen of the World Basketball Championship against Angola, Monday, Sept. 6, 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey.

Associated Press

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer
ISTANBUL (AP) — Chauncey Billups scored 19 points, Kevin Durant had 17, and the United States powered into the quarterfinals of the world championship with a 121-66 victory over Angola on Monday. With Durant scoring 17 and Billups 16 in the first half, the Americans saved their most impressive performance in Istanbul for the knockout round, overwhelming the Angolans from the start after a couple of lackluster performances to close the group stage. The Americans forced turnovers that led to easy baskets in transition, and when forced into the halfcourt, shot 18 of 38 from 3-point range, one off the team record for 3s in a world championship game. Eric Gordon and Rudy Gay also scored 17 for the Americans, who will face either Russia or New Zealand on Thursday. Gordon was 5 of 6 behind the arc. Joaquim Gomes scored 21 for Angola, which finished fourth in Group A. The Angolans advanced to

the elimination round on a tiebreaker by virtue of their overtime victory over Germany, but had lost by 50 to Serbia, and 21 apiece to Argentina and Australia. They were no match for the Americans, who had won the teams' four meetings in the Olympics, starting with a 116-48 romp in the Dream Team's debut in Barcelona in 1992, straight through to a 97-76 victory in Beijing two years ago. This quickly became one of those no-contests.

The Americans stayed the same, but Billups looked much different. The lead ballooned to 29 late in the second quarter. Durant shot 7 of 10 in the half and Billups was 4 of 6, all from behind the arc, and Durant's 3-pointer with 7 seconds left sent the Americans to the half with a 65-33 advantage. Derrick Rose made two straight 3-pointers and Billups added another to start the U.S. scoring in the third quarter, and the lead grew to 37 late in the period. The Americans were 6 of 9 behind the arc in the period, which ended with them leading 91-56. Felizardo Ambrosio finished with 12 points and Roberto Fortes 11 for Angola.

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Dream 1 win away from unlikely spot in WNBA finals

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Dream made WNBA history for the most losses in a season only two years ago.

Now comes a shot at a record to brag about: The Dream are one win away from becoming the first expansion team to reach the WNBA finals in its third season.

The Dream will try to complete a two-game sweep of the New York Liberty in the best-of-three Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday night. Seattle awaits the Atlanta-New York winner in the WNBA finals.

Atlanta finished 4-30 in its inaugural 2008 season. The Dream improved to 18-16 last season and lost to Detroit in the first round of the playoffs.

Even Atlanta's players are caught off-guard by this year's playoff run.

"At the start of the year I was wondering how good we could be and I had no thoughts we could be a champion," forward Iziane Castro Marques said after Monday's practice.

The expectations changed after the Dream opened the season with six straight wins.

"After that 6-0 run, I thought 'There we go. We can do this,'" Castro Marques said. "I definitely changed my perspective after that run and saw that we could beat any team in this league. We proved that."

Atlanta has taken opening road wins in each playoff series this year. The Dream won two straight over Washington in the first round of the playoffs before winning at New York 81-75 on Sunday.

The Dream struggled at the end of the regular season, losing six of its last seven for a 19-15 record and No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Dream suddenly found its early season form just in time for the postseason.

Even coach and general manager Marynell Meadors is surprised.

"To do this in our third year, no it doesn't happen in professional sports where you have a third-year expansion team make it this far," Meadors said.

Atlanta is winning with its running game. Meadors has sought up-tempo players and found a finisher for the fast-break points in second-year star Angel McCoughtry.



Atlanta Dream head coach Marynell Meadors, bottom right, cheers with players Brittney Raven, bottom left, Alison Bales, top left, and Yelena Leuchanka during the final moments of Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the New York Liberty Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, in New York. The Dream beat the Liberty 81-75.

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NL Roundup

Uribe homers again in Giants' win over Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jonathan Sanchez pitched seven crisp innings and Juan Uribe hit a two-run homer for the second straight game to lead San Francisco to a 3-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday to put the Giants within one game of first place in the National League West.

The division-leading Padres lost 4-2 to Colorado earlier in the day for their 10th consecutive defeat. The Giants have picked up 5½ games on San Diego during the Padres' skid, going 5-4 during that span. It's the closest they've been to first place in the division in the last 27 days. Los Angeles has lost six of eight heading into a three-game series at San Diego beginning on Monday.

Sanchez (10-8) yielded three hits, struck out nine and walked one to win for just the second time in his last six appearances. The left-hander was 0-5 with a 6.04 ERA in 13 previous appearances against Los Angeles.

Cardinals 4, Reds 2

At St. Louis, Matt Holliday hit a go-ahead, three-run homer to back Chris Carpenter's

latest dominant effort against Cincinnati, helping St. Louis take two of three from the NL Central-leading Reds.

The Cardinals reduced the Reds' formidable lead to seven games with 28 games to go. The two teams are not scheduled to play again this season.

St. Louis had lost eight of nine overall going into the weekend. This was its first series win since Aug. 20-22 against San Francisco.

Homer Bailey (3-3) walked Albert Pujols intentionally in the sixth inning before giving up Holliday's two-out shot on a 1-2 hanging breaking ball. Holliday fouled off two pitches before hitting his 25th homer, topping last season's total and giving the Cardinals a 4-2 lead.

Marlins 7, Braves 6, 10 innings

In Miami, sent to the plate after a scary scene, pinch-hitter Scott Cousins delivered a game-winning single in the 10th inning for his first big league hit and the Marlins beat the Braves.

The Braves had overcome a 6-0 deficit. They began the day with a one-game lead over



San Francisco Giants' Juan Uribe watches his two-run home run off Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Hiroki Kuroda during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010.

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Philadelphia in the NL East. Cousins batted after Emilio Bonifacio lined a foul that struck teammate Logan Morrison in the helmet in the on-deck circle. Morrison collapsed face-down as the crowd gasped, but quickly

rose and walked off the field accompanied by a trainer. Bonifacio hit a leadoff triple against Eric O'Flaherty (3-2). Cousins batted for Morrison and singled over the head of left fielder Melky Cabrera. It was only the second at-bat in the majors for Cousins.

Mets 18, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Ruben Tejada hit his first major league homer and drove in five runs, Ike Davis also connected and the Mets erupted for 21 hits and pounded the Cubs to avoid a weekend sweep.

The Mets' bats perked up for season highs in runs and hits even though David Wright got a day off and Jose Reyes was still nursing a strained right oblique. They scored five runs in the fifth, eighth and ninth innings while winning for just the second time in seven games. Tejada, who had never knocked in more than a run, had a two-run single in the fifth and homered leading off the seventh.

Davis had four hits and drove in three runs while scoring three.

Brewers 6, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Prince Fielder hit his 30th home run, Randy Wolf was sharp against his

former team and the Brewers beat the Phillies to snap a five-game losing streak.

Fielder's three-run shot off Kyle Kendrick (9-8) made him the second Brewer in team history with four straight 30-plus home run seasons. He helped the Brewers end their six-game road trip on a high after dropping the first five in Cincinnati and Philadelphia. John Axford tossed two scoreless innings for his 20th save. Carlos Ruiz had two RBIs for the NL wild-card leading Phillies, who ended a five-game winning streak. Kendrick continues to struggle and could be dropped from the rotation.

Nationals 8, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Zimmerman drove in four runs, Adam Dunn homered and Jason Marquis won his second in a row after previously going winless all season as the Nationals beat the Pirates in a matchup of last-place clubs.

The Nationals outscored the Pirates 17-3 in the final two games of the three-game set for their first road series victory in 18 attempts since they won two of three against the Mets from May 10-12.

A-Rod reaches 100 RBIs for 13th year in row

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez reached 100 RBIs for a record 14th season with plenty of time to spare.

A-Rod had a solo home run in the fourth inning off Brian Matusz and a sacrifice fly in the sixth of the New York Yankees' 4-3 loss to Baltimore on Monday.

Rodriguez surpassed Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx, who each reached the mark 13 times.

"It's an amazing number. It just shows you how consistent he has been," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "He came up at a young age and has been consistent throughout his career. It's a pretty amazing feat."

Rodriguez has 13 consecutive seasons with 100 RBIs. With 22 homers, he also has a chance to reach 30 for the 13th time in a row

and 14th overall.

Last year, Rodriguez needed a three-run homer and a grand slam at Tampa Bay in the seventh inning of New York's regular-season finale to keep up his streaks of 30 and 100.

"Obviously you try to come out and be consistent every year," Rodriguez said. "It's nice."

Rodriguez hit his 605th home run overall. He is seventh, trailing Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755), Ruth (714), Willie Mays (660), Ken Griffey Jr. (630) and Sammy Sosa (609).

Activated a day earlier following a stint on the disabled list due to a tight left calf, Rodriguez raised his average to .267. Before Sunday, he hadn't played since Aug. 20.

"It's only eight or nine at-bats," he said, "but I certainly feel pretty good. I'm seeing the ball well."

Stewart feeling good about Chase after 1st Cup win

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — One more race to go until the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, and all of a sudden Tony Stewart looks like a serious contender.

Only it's not that sudden.

Stewart has been steadily improving over the past couple of months, consistently running in the top 10 and seeming to find a little bit more speed every week. He figured it was just a matter of time before he finally got back to Victory Lane.

That breakthrough came Sunday night, when Stewart claimed his first win of the season with a dominating performance at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"We've kind of been silent every weekend, but we've been gaining on it," he said. "It was not a one-week increment where we had a big change. We've been taking a lot of little steps the last 10 to 12 races. Nobody's really noticed it, but we've noticed. We have a much better feeling than we did compared to this time last year."

He led more laps (176) in the Emory Healthcare 500 than everyone else combined and pulled away from Carl Edwards on the last restart to win by a comfortable 1.316 seconds. Stewart snapped a streak of 31 races without a win — the second-longest drought of his 12-year Cup career, surpassed only by a 43-race stretch over the 2007-08 seasons.

But he's been one of the most consistent racers in the series since a sluggish start. Ten of the last 12 races have resulted in top-10 finishes, and clearly he hasn't forgotten how to win, either. Now comes the Chase, in which the 39-year-old Stewart will be seeking his third career championship but first as a car owner.

"I don't know if we have peaked yet," he said. "I think



Tony Stewart does a burnout to celebrate winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010.

we've got room to be better." There won't be all that much drama in next weekend's race at Richmond, essentially the regular-season finale. Stewart is among 10 drivers who've already clinched spots in the 12-man Chase, led by points leader Kevin Harvick, Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch.

Stewart is fourth, followed by Edwards, Jeff Burton, four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Matt Kenseth and Denny Hamlin. Still looking to lock up spots at Richmond are No. 11 Greg Biffle and No. 12 Clint Bowyer, each of whom would only fall out with an unprecedented collapse.

Bowyer has a 117-point lead on No. 13 Ryan Newman and merely needs to finish 28th at Richmond to clinch his spot. Sentimental favorite Mark Martin, trying to win his first Cup championship at age 51, slipped a spot in the standings and is now 15th — a daunting 147 points out of the playoff.

The final caution of the night came out after Newman made contact with Kasey Kahne, nearly causing a crash on the backstretch.

Stewart was out front when the green came back out with 19 laps to go, and he zoomed off the line to beat Edwards into the first corner. From there, the No. 14 Stewart-Haas Racing Chevy steadily pulled away for his first victory since Oct. 4, 2009, at Kansas.

Johnson was third, followed by Burton and Kyle Busch. "I didn't hit a restart all night until right there at the end," Stewart said. "I've never been so happy with a win in my life."

Edwards is winless since the 2008 season finale, but he led more laps in Atlanta (32) than he had in the last 46 races combined. That gives him plenty of confidence that he can contend for his first series title, the one that slipped away two years ago despite nine wins.

"Tony just had such a fast car at the end, but we're back," Edwards said. "I know we don't look as good as we did in 2008, but we're better prepared to race for the championship."

Johnson also is headed back to the Chase, giving him a shot to add to an already unprecedented streak of Cup

titles.

"This is a huge relief for myself and this team," he said. "That was so much fun. That was the way racing should be. Even at the end, we were trying to run (Edwards) down. We were racing hard with these guys.

That says a lot about the 48 team going forward."

It wasn't such a good night for pole winner Hamlin, who had vowed to shake out of his midseason slump with a couple of strong performances going into the Chase.

He had plenty of speed, leading 74 laps, but the engine didn't hold out on his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. Coming to the start-finish line on the 143rd lap, Hamlin's car suddenly started billowing smoke, sending him spinning into the infield grass.

He wound up last in the 43-car field and slipped five places in the standings to 10th.

"At this point, I'm so lucky that there's no more races before the Chase cutoff or else we'd be in danger of missing it," Hamlin said.

"It's very discouraging, but

I just know we can get it together."

He has struggled since a five wins-in-10-races stretch earlier in the season. He knew he might be in trouble again when he heard that teammate Joey Logano had blown a cylinder.

Not long after workers cleaned up the mess from Hamlin's spin, the first big crash of the race took out Biffle and Elliott Sadler.

Newman charged up to make it three-wide racing going into turn three and Biffle didn't realize the No. 39 car was there. Biffle went into a spin and slid down the banking, where he clipped Sadler trying to go low. That turned Sadler's car up into the outside wall for a hard lick, but the padded barrier ensured there were no injuries.

Luckily for Harvick, he barely missed the crash diving inside of Sadler.

Harvick's luck ran out when he messed up an attempt to dive down pit road. He wound up damaging his left front tire and had problems the rest of the night, finally parking his car in 33rd place.

Ex-Guns N' Roses bassist leaves Jane's Addiction



LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Rock band Jane's Addiction said Monday it has parted ways with its latest bass player, former Guns N' Roses member Duff McKagan, five months after announcing his addition to the oft-vacated post.

McKagan, 46, performed a few concerts with the band, and worked on new material for its first album in seven years, but musical differences cut short his tenure.

"Hey we wanted to thank Duff for helping us write songs for our new record," the band said via email. "We love the songs we worked on with him -- and the gigs were a blast -- but musically we were all headed in different directions. From here Duff is off to work on his own stuff so we wish him all the best."

Jane's Addiction has been through five bass players since it formed in 1985, while the rest of the quartet's lineup is unchanged. Original member Eric Avery has come and gone twice, most recently replaced by McKagan in March after an Australian tour.

McKagan is best known as a founding member of Guns N' Roses, contributing such songs as "Paradise City" and "It's So Easy" to one of the

biggest bands of the early 1990s. But as with some of the group's other members, drugs and alcohol got in the way, and McKagan almost died after his pancreas ruptured in 1994. He sobered up and quit the band a few years later. After studying business at Seattle University, he joined forces with two other Guns alumni to form VelvetRevolver in 2002. The band released two albums and won a Grammy before crumbling in 2008.

McKagan last year recorded and toured with his new band, Loaded. According to a Twitter message from Jane's Addiction frontman Perry Farrell, McKagan plans to issue a follow-up album and return to the road in the fall. A spokesman for McKagan was not immediately available.

Jane's Addiction emerged from the Los Angeles rock underground in the 1980s, distinguishing itself from other post-punk groups with Farrell's sexually ambiguous stagecraft and the musicians' deft ear for melodic tunes. They recorded just three albums and scored radio play with such songs as "Been Caught Stealing" and "JaneSays."

Brazilian superstar Ivete Sangalo plays NY arena



NEW YORK — The most Earth-shattering event in Brazil this weekend took place in New York, where singer Ivete Sangalo played a sold out show at Madison Square Garden. Too bad, few Americans even noticed.

A superstar in her native Brazil, where she can pack a 70,000-capacity soccer stadium and commands crowds of millions during Carnaval, Sangalo kept the almost-entirely-Brazilian audience on its feet over the course of three hours and five costume changes.

Dancing frenetically, the crowd of 14,500 sang along with every word of her samba-inflected dance pop songs like "Festa" (Party) and "Acelere" (Accelerate).

"I just want you to be proud of me, and I want you to be proud of the show I brought here," Sangalo said from the top of a massive, thrusting stage pulsing with lights and video — designed by the man responsible for this year's Super Bowl halftime show, Bruce Rodgers.

In Brazil, Sangalo's show was touted as her first step toward conquering the U.S., placing her in a pantheon with the likes of Madonna, the Rolling Stones, Beyoncé and U2.

But a 100-foot-high banner that hung outside the Garden for weeks advertising the show still required the helpful caption explaining Sangalo is "A Brazilian Star."

At a pre-concert news conference, the statuesque brunette said the relative anonymity didn't faze her.

"When I started in Brazil, I was also unknown, and Brazil is a gigantic place with lots of talent," the husky-voiced singer explained. "I haven't come here with the pretension of being well known, but what I've come to do here, I've come to do right."

As a Portuguese speaker, Sangalo may have had her work cut out for her, but promoters say selling out the Garden is a real accomplishment.

Shows by non-English-speaking acts there tend to top out at around 3,000 to 4,000 people, unless they sing in Spanish, which is spoken by a large and growing percentage of the U.S. population.



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Growth hopes boost global equities



LONDON – World stocks rose on Monday on hopes the U.S. economy can avoid slipping back into recession, although the International Monetary Fund's chief economist warned of weak growth in both the United States and Europe.

With U.S. markets closed for the Labour Day holiday, Friday's encouraging news about the employment picture continued to spill over into trading on Monday.

Some investors, particularly in Asia, were catching up with the U.S. jobs numbers, which were not as bad as some had feared. The slowing of the world's largest economy has been one of the major factors holding investors back over recent months.

MSCI's all-country world stock index (.MIWD00000PUS) and its Thomson Reuters counterpart (.TRXFLDGLPU) were up more than 0.4 percent at the European close after a nearly 3.7 percent gain for the MSCI last week.

Europe's FTSEurofirst 300 (.FTEU3) closed slightly higher, up 0.2 percent.

The jobs data was supportive, but utilities shares topped the gainers list after Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government agreed to a two-tier extension of the life spans of German nuclear power plants on Sunday.

Trading was also thin because U.S. markets are closed for Labor Day.

Japan's Nikkei (.N225) earlier closed up 2.05 percent.

"After a string of disappointing numbers, the data last week provided an element of stability and helped increase risk appetite," said Henk Potts, equity strategist at Barclays Wealth.

Want cheapskates to spend? Hawk gizmos that save

NEW YORK – How do you get penny pinchers to spend these days? Pitch products that promise to save them money.

Demand is rising for kitchen and bath gadgets that squeeze out that last blob of toothpaste and help get the suds out of tiny slivers of soap.

Marketers of these gizmos tout how the pennies they save by reducing waste can add up. Retailers are stocking up.

During the Great Recession, penny pinchers got even cheaper, while showing the newly frugal how it's done. Cheapskate gadgets may be a sign of the times, but they're also a sign of how product makers and retailers are trying to get people back in the spending habit.

Big companies like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and The Container Store and a longtime "As Seen on TV" pitchman are stocking up on items claiming to help people save a buck, such as:

- Caps that keep the fizz in



opened soda cans.

- Digital day counters: Gizmos that count the days and hours food has been in the refrigerator, to help keep track of when that milk might be in danger of going bad.

- New, stylish versions of pants extenders that let people wear their clothes even when they gain or lose weight.

A.J. Khubani, the man behind many "As Seen on TV" gadgets such as the PedEgg foot scraper, is making cheapskate gimmicks

a priority at his company Telebrands, one of the nation's top direct-response TV marketing companies.

More than half of Telebrands' gadgets, sold online and at 90,000 stores, are now focused on helping shoppers be cheap. Khubani, who has been traveling around the country to meet inventors, is speeding up the number of new products he's launching to every 30 days from every 60 days.

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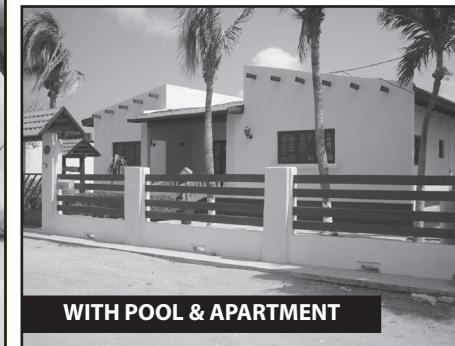


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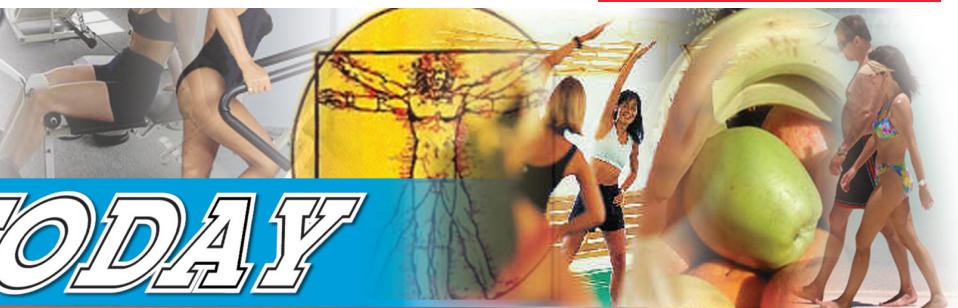
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WHO wants faster, more flu vaccine production

HONG KONG — The vaccine used to contain the recent swine flu pandemic was effective, but health authorities will need to ramp up the speed and volume of production during the next global outbreak, a World Health Organization official said Monday.

The WHO declared last month that the swine flu pandemic that started in June 2009 was over, after it killed about 18,600 people worldwide, far less than the worse-case scenarios in which authorities said millions could die.

The widespread use of vaccines was critical in limiting the number of casualties, with studies showing they offered protection in up to 95 percent of cases, WHO official David Wood said at a news conference on the sidelines of an influenza conference in Hong Kong.

Some 350 million doses of the vaccine were administered worldwide, according to WHO figures.

"That gives us considerable hope for the future, for the future pandemics, that the technologies that we have to actually make the vaccines are" effective, said Wood, the quality and safety team co-ordinator for the WHO's immunization and vaccines department.

But while vaccines became available six months after the H1N1 virus strain behind the pandemic was identified in April 2009, that was still too late for some countries, he said. In the case of the U.S., vaccination started on Oct. 5, 2009 — weeks after a second wave of cases hit as schools resumed, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention flu expert Nancy Cox told reporters.

The WHO is studying ways to make vaccines more quickly, Wood said without offering



specifics, adding that technological breakthroughs will also speed up the process.

"In the short term, we'll be able to make some gains of weeks that Nancy was talk-

ing about that can make all the difference. In the longer term, we may even have these new

technologies that shorten our lag more significantly, so I'm quite optimistic," Wood said. The WHO official also said the global health body is working on increasing global production capacity beyond the centers of Europe, America and China, targeting countries like India, Indonesia, Thailand, Brazil and Mexico. The WHO was accused by some of hyping the pandemic, prompting excessive buying of vaccines and antiviral drugs that enriched drug companies. Asked about such accusations, Wood said the organization only advised countries to vaccinate high-risk groups, like health care workers and pregnant women.

"I believe that the recommendations that came from the organization were proportionate to the risks that we had at the time," he said.

FDA relents from midodrine withdrawal plan

NEW YORK — Federal regulators have backed off a plan to remove a Shire PLC low blood-pressure treatment from the market after warning in August that the drug has not been proven effective.

Food and Drug Administration representative Sandy Walsh said in an emailed statement that the agency will continue to allow access to ProAmatine, also known as midodrine, "while the necessary data is collected and the legal issues get sorted out."

Roughly 100,000 U.S. patients received prescriptions for ProAmatine or generic versions last year, according to the FDA. The drug is approved to treat orthostatic hypotension, a type of low blood pressure that causes patients to become dizzy or faint when standing upright.

Last month, the FDA proposed withdrawing the drug from the market and giving Shire, which is based in Ireland, an opportunity to schedule a hearing to discuss the matter. It had approved ProAmatine in 1996 based on promising early results in treating low blood pressure. But a mandatory follow-up study to actually prove the long-term benefits of the drug was never conducted.

Shire acquired the drug when it bought Roberts Pharmaceuticals in 2000. Shire spokeswoman Jessica Mann said the drugmaker did conduct follow-up trials and submitted data in 2005 that it believes showed its effectiveness. The company plans to continue to work with the FDA.

Shire had said it was planning to withdraw the drug from the market by Sept. 30. But the company no longer intends to do



so.

"It's our goal to do what we can to ensure that this treatment is still available to patients," Mann said.

The FDA's letter marked the first time it threatened to pull a drug off the market due to missing follow-up data, though it has long held that power. FDA spokeswoman Sandy Walsh said in an email the issue "continues to evolve," and that it will know more in the coming weeks.

Copies of the letter also were sent to five generic drugmakers who make the drug, including Mylan Inc. and Novartis AG unit Sandoz Inc. The generic versions would also be subject to a market withdrawal, unless their manufacturers complete the study requested by the FDA.

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Fuertes lluvias azotaron Guatemala el fin de semana, forzando a las autoridades a suspender las labores de rescate y desalojar a residentes de saturadas colinas.

Funcionarios del cuerpo de bomberos en Ciudad de Guatemala dijeron que habían recuperado 25 cuerpos tras dos grandes deslaves el fin de semana en una de las principales carreteras del país en el poblado de Cumbre de Alaska, al noroeste de la capital. Se estimaba que las víctimas fatales podrían llegar a 50.

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Inundaciones y deslaves en otras zonas del país causaron

la muerte de al menos 45 personas, dijo el presidente Alvaro Colom a la radio local.

“Están muy inestables los cerros, están cargados de agua. Realmente es un área peligrosa. Hay derrumbes en todos lados, en todas carreteras principales del país”, dijo el mandatario.

Las personas “están esperando el rescate de sus amigos, familiares, padres, hijos (...) Realmente ha sido un fin de semana trágico para el país”, agregó Colom.

En el poblado de Nahuala, unos 170 kilómetros al noroeste de Ciudad de Guatemala, indígenas mayas vestidos con sus trajes tradicionales velaban a ocho víctimas de uno de los peores deslaves del fin de semana.

La mayoría de los muertos eran hombres jóvenes que habían acudido a tratar de rescatar víctimas de un autobús que estaba cubierto por lodo y rocas, cuando ellos mismos fueron atrapados por un segundo deslave.

Las torrenciales lluvias también han afectado estados del sur de México como Oaxaca, Tabasco y Veracruz, donde cerca de 250,000 personas estaban fuera de



Personas caminan por la carretera, como ruta alternativa para llegar al pueblo de Parraquín en Nahualá. Sep 5 2010 Servicios de emergencia de Guatemala reanudaron el lunes la búsqueda de víctimas de deslaves que mataron y dejaron sepultadas a decenas de personas, mientras los pronósticos anuncian más lluvias en la nación centroamericana. REUTERS/Doriam Morales

sus hogares por el desborde de ríos en una de las peores temporadas de lluvias de los últimos años. En Oaxaca, un

estado donde normalmente escasea el agua, ocho personas murieron en los últimos diez días ahogados

o por el desprendimiento de rocas que cayeron sobre casas.

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Miles de cubanos tratan de digerir plan de recortar más de un millón de empleos públicos

LA HABANA (Reuters) - Elena se debate frente a una disyuntiva desde que el Estado cubano eliminó su puesto en un hospital público: aceptar una alternativa que no le interesa o irse para su casa. Como Elena, miles de cubanos tratan de digerir el plan del presidente Raúl Castro de recortar más de un millón de empleos públicos en tres años para hacer más eficiente la economía socialista de la isla. En Cuba, el Estado es el principal empleador y la decisión de deshacerse del 20 por ciento de la fuerza laboral es para muchos un balde de agua fría. Según un documento oficial que circula entre militantes del gobernante Partido Comunista, 500.000 empleos serán eliminados antes del primer trimestre del 2011.

El Gobierno asegura que nadie quedará desamparado y ofrece reubicar a los trabajadores excedentes en áreas con déficit de mano de obra como la educación, agricultura o la construcción. "Dime tú qué hago ahora si me reubicaron en un asilo de ancianos que me queda lejísimos. Lo que me están ofreciendo no me conviene", dijo Elena. Pero



Un hombre camina frente a un mural en las calles de La Habana, sep 4 2010. REUTERS/Enrique De La Osa

el anuncio de los despidos vino acompañado por la mayor reforma económica emprendida por Raúl Castro desde que reemplazó hace cuatro años en el poder a su convaleciente hermano Fidel. Para absorber a parte de los futuros desempleados, el presidente dijo que permitiría que los cubanos monten

pequeños negocios privados e incluso contraten mano de obra.

"Voy a esperar un poco a ver qué invento, si abren las licencias (para trabajadores por cuenta propia) voy a tratar de ir adelante con una cafetería", dijo Elena.

"VIVIR DEL CUENTO"

Muchos cubanos se han quejado por años de que el salario equivalente a unos 20 dólares mensuales no les alcanza para vivir, pese a que el Estado ofrece salud y educación gratuita y otros servicios fuertemente subsidiados.

Sin embargo, algunos reconocen que el paternalismo

de Estado les ofrecía cierta seguridad. Oficialmente la tasa de desempleo en Cuba es de apenas 2 por ciento.

"Dicen que mucha gente va para la calle y ya era hora. Se acabaron los tiempos de vivir del cuento, sin trabajar", dijo un jubilado que se gana la vida como cuidador de autos en el centro de La Habana. Raúl Castro, un general de 79 años con fama de pragmático, convirtió la economía en su principal batalla. Y sus estrategias están sorprendiendo a muchos en Cuba. La reestructuración del sector público incluye también eliminar la práctica de enviar a los desempleados a la universidad a cambio de un sueldo o recursos como la jubilación anticipada.

Los recortes comenzarán por la salud pública, un símbolo de los logros sociales del socialismo cubano en cuyas clínicas y hospitales es sin embargo frecuente encontrar empleados ociosos matando el tiempo en los pasillos.

Para preparar el terreno, el vicepresidente José Ramón Machado lleva semanas recorriendo el país explicando la "racionalidad" de las medidas. Las reducciones de plantilla llegarán también al turismo, una de las principales fuentes de ingreso de moneda dura de Cuba.

Ecuador establece visa para ciudadanos de nueve países

QUITO (AP) - El gobierno dispuso el lunes que ciudadanos de nueve países de Asia y África como Afganistán, Pakistán y Somalia deban pedir visa como requisito para ingresar a Ecuador aduciendo "inusuales flujos migratorios".

La cancillería, mediante un comunicado, señaló que se "estableció la visa como requisito de ingreso a Ecuador para los ciudadanos provenientes de ... Afganistán, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Etiopía, Kenia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistán y Somalia".

El subsecretario de Asuntos Migratorios y Consulares, Leonardo Carrión, manifestó que la medida tiene vigencia inmediata "no obstante previamente se informará a las distintas instituciones y se remitirá la respectiva copia del acuerdo ministerial a la policía de migración, aerolíneas y a los propios países involucrados". Explicó que la decisión se adopta "luego de detectar un inusual flujo migratorio de personas de los países citados ... la decisión es un acto humanitario de prevención para evitar la utilización de Ecuador como puente en tránsito hacia terceros países", por parte de bandas internacionales de tráfico ilegal de personas.

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